

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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| ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 | Attorney Docket No.: 99-499 Application No. 08/903,944 Filing Date: July 31, 1997 First Named Inventor: Chou, et al Group Art Unit. 1638 Examiner: D. Fox | RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER JAN 06 2006 |
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application to and including January 30, 2006.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$120.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$ |

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 13-2490. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Name | Michael S. Greenfield, Ph.D. |
| Reg. No | 37,142 |
| Signature |  |
| Date | January 6, 2006 |

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